

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 15, 2017

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Aiken County Public Schools Window Retrofitting Project grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has provided funds obtained from federal sources for grants to mitigate hazards in public facilities, such as schools, after events including natural disasters (Hurricane Matthew – Declared October 11, 2016). If awarded, funds from the grant would be used to install protective, strengthening, mylar film and reinforcing clips on single-pane, non-tempered glass in three schools; Millbrook Elementary, Belvedere Elementary, and Gloverville Elementary. These three schools were chosen because they were all constructed at approximately the same time (1953 – 1954) and feature large amounts of glass that may shatter and become projectile objects during a severe wind event such as a thunderstorm, tornado, or hurricane. An added efficiency associated with the installation of the mylar film is a reduction in ultraviolet radiation entering the schools, thereby lowering energy use during periods of high temperature. If the grant is successfully awarded, it will provide \$156,254.25 in federal funds that can be expended over a period of up to three years.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Operations and Student Services has evaluated the goals and objectives of this grant and finds them to be consistent with District goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Submission of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for Aiken County Public Schools Window Retrofitting Project grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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